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SUBJ: PROPOSED MEETING IN ATHENS OF SOUTHERN
MEDITERRANEAN DEVELOPMENT BANKS

1. GEORGE GONTIKAS, GOVERNOR OF NATIONAL INVESTMENT BANK FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (NIBID) RECENTLY TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS PLANNING A SECOND INFORMAL MEETING IN ATHENS IN JULY OF HEADS OF DEVELOPMENT BANKS OF SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES (GREECE, TURKEY, LEBANON, TUNISIA, MOROCCO, ALGERIA, AND PERHAPS LIBYA). A SIMILAR FIRST MEETING WAS HELD IN MOROCCO LAST YEAR UNDER (ACCORDING TO GONTIKAS) AUSPICES OF IBRD AND MOROCCAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

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2. GONTIKAS SAID ATHENS MEETING WILL LAST FOR THREE OR

FOUR DAYS AND WILL FOCUS ON ENERGY. HE PLANS TO INVITE
ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR OBSERVERS FROM OTHER OIL-
PRODUCING ARAB STATES AND POSSIBLY IRAN. HE WOULD ALSO
HOPE TO HAVE A NON-CONTROVERSIAL, THIRD-WORLD NATIONAL IBRD
OFFICIAL PRESENT A KEY PAPER ON ENERGY OR SOME ASPECT OF
ENERGY, SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION.

3. COMMENT: THIS DEVELOPMENT IS REFLECTION OF GROWING
GREEK INTEREST IN SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN AND OIL-RICH MIDDLE
EAST. IN ADDITION TO ENHANCING GREECE'S BUSINESS AND
INVESTMENT RELATIONS WITH AREA, SUCH MEETINGS ALSO PROVIDE
BASIS FOR INCREASED POLITICAL CONTACTS. TASCA

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